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Mike DeWine

Richard Michael DeWine (born January 5, 1947) is an American politician and attorney currently serving as the 70th governor of Ohio. A member of the Republican Party, DeWine is a former United States Senator, elected in 1994 and re-elected in 2000. In 2006, DeWine ran for re-election to a third term, but was defeated by the Democratic nominee, U.S. Representative Sherrod Brown. DeWine had served as Lieutenant Governor of Ohio under George Voinovich from 1991 until 1994. In 2010, DeWine was elected Ohio Attorney General, defeating Democratic incumbent Richard Cordray, and was re-elected for a second term in 2014. In the 2018 gubernatorial election, DeWine was elected Governor of Ohio, defeating Cordray in a rematch of their 2010 race.[3]

Prior to his being nominated as Voinovich's running mate in the 1990 election, DeWine served as a four-term U.S. Representative for Ohio's 7th congressional district beginning in 1983. He also served a term as an Ohio State Senator.

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70th Governor of Ohio
Incumbent
Assumed office
January 14, 2019

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Preceded by	John Kasich

50th Attorney General of Ohio
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Governor	John Kasich
Preceded by	Richard Cordray
Succeeded by	Dave Yost

United States Senator
from Ohio
In office
January 3, 1995 – January 3, 2007

Preceded by	Howard Metzenbaum
Succeeded by	Sherrod Brown

59th Lieutenant Governor of Ohio
In office
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Governor	George Voinovich
Preceded by	Paul Leonard

Succeeded by	Nancy Hollister
Member of the **U.S. House of Representatives** **from Ohio's 7th district**	
In office	
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Preceded by	Bud Brown
Succeeded by	Dave Hobson
Member of the Ohio Senate **from the 10th district**	
In office	
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Preceded by	John Mahoney
Succeeded by	Dave Hobson
Prosecutor of Greene County	
In office	
1977–1981	
Preceded by	Nicholas Carrera[1]
Succeeded by	William Schenck[2]
Personal details	
Born	Richard Michael DeWine January 5, 1947 Yellow Springs, Ohio, U.S.
Political party	Republican
Spouse(s)	Frances Struewing (m. 1967)
Children	8, including Pat
Residence	Governor's Mansion
Education	Miami University (BA) Ohio Northern University (JD)

Personal life

DeWine was born and grew up in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He is the son of Jean Ruth (Liddle) and Richard Lee DeWine.[4][5][6] He lives in Cedarville, Ohio. Of Irish descent, he was raised and identifies as a Roman Catholic.[7][8][9] DeWine earned his Bachelor of Science degree in education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1969 and a Juris Doctor from Ohio Northern University College of Law in 1972.

He and his wife Frances have been married since June 3, 1967, and have had eight children, one of whom died in an automobile accident in 1993.[10][11] Current Ohio Supreme Court Justice R. Patrick DeWine is Mike DeWine's son. Former Ohio Republican Party Chairman Kevin DeWine (R-Fairborn) is DeWine's second cousin. DeWine and his family own Minor League Baseball's Asheville Tourists.[12]

DeWine tested positive for COVID-19 on August 6, 2020, when he took an antigen test before he was due to meet President Donald Trump at the airport in Cleveland.[13] This would have made him the second governor to have tested positive for COVID-19.[14] However, two PCR tests, which are considered to be more accurate, came back as negative in the following days. The initial test was then determined to be a false positive.[15]

Early political career

At age 25, DeWine started working as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Greene County, Ohio, and in 1976 was elected County Prosecutor, serving for four years.[16][17] In 1980 he was elected to the Ohio State Senate and served one two-year term.[17]

Two years later, U.S. Representative Bud Brown of Ohio's 7th congressional district retired after 18 years in Congress; his father, Clarence Brown, Sr., had held the seat for 26 years before that. DeWine won the Republican nomination, assuring him of election in November. He was re-elected three more times from this district, which stretches from his home in Springfield to the Columbus suburbs. He ran unopposed in 1986 during what is regarded as a bad year for Republicans nationally. DeWine gave up his seat in

1990 to run for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio as the running mate of George Voinovich. The Voinovich-DeWine ticket was easily elected.

In 1992, DeWine unsuccessfully ran for United States Senate against the former astronaut and incumbent Senator John Glenn. His campaign used the phrase, "What *on earth* has John Glenn done?" echoing Jeff Bingaman's slogan, "What on Earth has he done for you lately?"" against former astronaut Harrison Schmitt in their 1982 Senate race.[18][19]

DeWine and his family with President Ronald Reagan in 1985

U.S. Senate

In 1994 DeWine ran again for Senate, defeating prominent attorney Joel Hyatt (the son-in-law of retiring Senator Howard Metzenbaum) by a 14-point margin. DeWine was re-elected in 2000, defeating gunshow promoter Ronald Dickson (161,185 votes, or 12.44%) and former U.S. Rep. Frank Cremeans (104,219 votes, or 8.05%) in the primary and Ted Celeste (brother of former Ohio Gov. Dick Celeste) in the general election. DeWine was defeated in the 2006 midterm election by Democrat Sherrod Brown, receiving 905,644 fewer votes in 2006 than he received in 2000.[20][21][22]

DeWine had seats on the Senate Judiciary and Select Intelligence committees.

DeWine in 1997

DeWine was the initial sponsor of the Drug-Free Century Act in 1999.[23]

Post-Senate career

DeWine accepted positions teaching government courses at Cedarville University, Ohio Northern University and Miami University. In 2007, he joined the law firm Keating Muething & Klekamp as corporate investigations group co-chair.[24]

He also advised the Ohio campaign of John McCain's 2008 presidential bid.[25]

Attorney General of Ohio

On July 21, 2009, DeWine announced his intention to run for Attorney General of the State of Ohio.[26] On November 2, 2010, DeWine was elected attorney general, defeating incumbent Richard Cordray (D), 48–46%.[27] As attorney general of Ohio, DeWine sent letters to drugstore chains encouraging them to discontinue the sale of tobacco products.[28]

In the 2012 Republican presidential primary, DeWine endorsed Tim Pawlenty, then endorsed Mitt Romney after Pawlenty dropped out of the race. On February 17, 2012, DeWine announced he was retracting his endorsement of Mitt Romney and endorsed Rick Santorum (Coincidentally, both DeWine and Santorum were elected Senators in 1994, re-elected in 2000, and lost re-election in 2006). DeWine said, "To be elected president, you have to do more than tear down your opponents. You have to give the American people a reason to vote for you, a reason to hope, a reason to believe that under your leadership, America will be better. Rick Santorum has done that. Sadly, Governor Romney has not."[29]

On November 4, 2014, DeWine was re-elected as attorney general by defeating challenger David A. Pepper.[30] DeWine carried 83 out of Ohio's 88 counties.[31]

Legal challenge to the Affordable Care Act

In 2015, as Attorney General of Ohio, DeWine filed a lawsuit in federal court in Ohio against a part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).[32][33] In the suit, DeWine alleged that the ACA's Transitional Reinsurance Program (which imposed a fee "paid by all employers who provide group health insurance in the workplace", which in 2014 was $63 per covered person and in 2015 was $44 per covered person) was unconstitutional as applied to state and local governments.[34] When he filed the suit, DeWine claimed that the fee was "an unprecedented attempt to destroy the balance of authority between the federal government and the states."[34]

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In January 2016, the federal court dismissed DeWine's suit, with U.S. District Judge Algenon L. Marbley holding that the Transitional Reinsurance Program did not violate the Constitution.[34] DeWine appealed, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed Judge Marbley's dismissal of the suit.[35]

Criminal justice

DeWine's stated goal has been "Protecting Ohio Families."[36] To that effect, Attorney General DeWine made it a priority to significantly reduce DNA testing turnaround times in connection with open criminal investigations. Under his predecessor, DNA testing at the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) took approximately four months in cases such as murders, rapes, and assaults. Under the DeWine administration, DNA test results are now returned to local law enforcement in less than a month, leading to faster apprehension of dangerous suspects.[37]

Upon taking office in 2011, Attorney General DeWine launched a special sexual assault kit (SAK) testing initiative after learning that hundreds of police departments across Ohio had thousands of untested rape kits on their evidence room shelves. DeWine invested resources to test the 13,931 previously untested rape kits over the course of his administration, which led to more than 5,000 DNA hits in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).[38] These DNA matches led to the indictments of approximately 700 alleged rapists, many of whom were serial attackers, connected to cases that would never have been solved if not for the DeWine initiative.[39]

DeWine also launched the Crimes Against Children Initiative, which paired BCI criminal investigators with seasoned prosecuting attorneys to investigate and prosecute child predators. DeWine's Crimes Against Children Initiative focuses on holding accountable those who sexually and physically abuse children, those who share and view child pornography, and those who target children online.[40] DeWine's office also developed several task forces for the investigation and prosecutions of human trafficking throughout the state.[41]

Opioids

As attorney general, DeWine took steps to close down "pill mills" in Ohio that fueled the opioid epidemic. By the end of his first year in office, DeWine had worked to close all 12 pill mills in Scioto County, considered by many to have been the national center of the prescription drug crisis.[42][43] DeWine's efforts also led to more than 100 doctors and pharmacists losing their licenses for improper prescription practices.[44] In 2013, DeWine formed a new Heroin Unit to provide Ohio communities with law enforcement, legal, and outreach assistance to combat the state's heroin problem. The Heroin Unit draws from new and existing office resources, including: BCI investigative and laboratory services, Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission assistance, prosecutorial support, and outreach and education services.[45] In October 2017, DeWine announced a 12-pronged plan to combat the opioid epidemic, drawing from his experience breaking up pill mills, prosecuting traffickers, supporting recovery, and advocating the importance of drug-use prevention education.[46] In addition, Attorney General DeWine has gone after the pharmaceutical industry, suing opioid manufacturers and distributors for their alleged roles in fraudulent marketing and unsafe distribution of opioids that fueled the epidemic in Ohio and across the country.[47][48]

Columbus Crew relocation lawsuit

In October 2017, news reports surfaced that Anthony Precourt, the investor-operator of the soccer club Columbus Crew, was exploring the option of moving the team out of state.[49] After the move of the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore in the late 1990s, the Ohio General Assembly passed a law requiring professional sports teams that had accepted tax-payer assistance to provide an opportunity for local owners to purchase the team before initiating a move.[50] In December 2017, DeWine sent a letter to Precourt reminding him of his obligations under Ohio law.[51] After Precourt failed to respond, DeWine filed a lawsuit in March 2018 against Precourt and Major League Soccer to enforce Ohio law and insist upon a reasonable opportunity for local investors to buy the team.[52] As the lawsuit played out in court, an investor group including Dee and Jimmy Haslam, owners of the Cleveland Browns, and the Columbus-based Edwards family announced in October 2018 they were working out the details of a deal to keep the Crew in Columbus.[53]

Governor of Ohio

2018 election

On May 26, 2016, DeWine announced that he would run for Governor of Ohio in 2018.[54] He reconfirmed this on June 25, 2017, at the annual ice cream social held at his home in Cedarville, Ohio. On December 1, 2017, DeWine officially chose Secretary of State Jon Husted as his running mate. On May 8, 2018, DeWine successfully won the Republican primary, defeating incumbent Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, with 59.8% of the vote. He faced Democratic nominee and former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray in the general election, their second election against each other, defeating him by a margin of about four percentage points.

DeWine delivers remarks at the Department of Justice in 2018

Tenure

2019

On February 22, 2019, President Trump appointed Governor DeWine to the bipartisan Council of Governors.[55]

On August 4, 2019, a mass shooting occurred in Dayton, Ohio, which killed ten people and injured twenty-seven others; this followed a separate mass shooting in El Paso, Texas by just thirteen hours.[56] At a vigil for the victims of the Dayton shooting the next day, DeWine was drowned out by a crowd chanting 'Do something!'; the chant referred to the lack of legislative gun control actions on the state and federal level.[56] On August 6, DeWine proposed to allow judges to confiscate firearms from those deemed potentially dangerous and to provide those individuals with mental health treatment while maintaining their due process rights.[57][58][59] Other notable aspects of DeWine's plan include: expanded background checks before purchasing a firearm, increased access to psychiatric and behavioral health services, and increased penalties for illegally possessing firearms.[57][58][59]

DeWine greeting President Donald Trump in 2019

In October 2019, he held the first meeting of a Lead Advisory Committee he appointed for the state.[60] The committee is meant to advise Dewine on the state's lead remediation efforts.[61] In December 2019, he expressed his support for Ohio allowing cities to ban plastic bags, opposing two bills in the state legislature that would have forbidden it[62] being pushed by fellow Republicans.[63]

On December 10, 2019, During the Ohio Contractors Association's winter conference in Columbus, DeWine said that he wanted to improve the Interstate rest areas in Ohio by adding more information about Ohio's history and culture, he also said that "I'm told that our rest areas are sorry."[64] In late December, DeWine announced that Ohio would continue to accept refugees. In a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, DeWine mentioned that "Before entering the United States, there is a lengthy, complex, and careful vetting process done by multiple federal agencies to confirm a refugees's eligibility for entrance."[65]

2020

In January 2020, DeWine sent troops from the Ohio National Guard to Puerto Rico, which had recently experienced several earthquakes.[66] On January 15, DeWine signed a $30 million funding bill for Ohio farmers to prevent algal blooms, which went into effect on February 1.[67] On January 27, DeWine signed Senate Bill 7, which gives military members and their spouses better employment opportunities by simplifying the process to transfer their occupational licenses to Ohio.[68] In February 2020, he announced new distracted driving legislation he was sponsoring.[69] Also in February 2020, he attracted some note for declining to share his opinion about Ohio's death penalty, at the time having "frozen all Ohio executions indefinitely as the state struggles to find lethal-injection drugs."[70]

Informed of the public risk by Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, MD; on March 3, DeWine cancelled most of the Arnold Sports Festival due to the imminent threat of a COVID-19 pandemic in Ohio, prior to any cases or deaths being reported. The cancellation was widely regarded as "radical" at the time[71][72] but was soon seen as less so, with Axios calling him "among the leading governors in the country sounding the alarm about the threat of the coronavirus"[73] and the Washington Post calling his and Acton's response "a national guide to the crisis" and "textbook recommendations,"[74] pointing out numerous occasions when moves taken by Ohio were soon followed by other states.[75] The Hill said he'd "been one of the most aggressive governors in responding to the

pandemic".[76] He has supported funding for COVID-19, signing his support of a funding bill along with 37 other governors in March 2020.[77] On March 11, 2020, DeWine issued an order limiting visitors to Ohio assisted living facilities and nursing homes, limiting visitors to one per day per resident, with all visitors to be screened for illness.[78] Also on March 11, 2020, he announced he was drafting legislation to limit mass gatherings in the state.[79] Gov. DeWine barred spectators from sporting events; was first in the US to shut down schools throughout his state; and, on the night before it was to take place, postponed Ohio's primary election.[80] He directed the Ohio Department of Health to order the closing of the state's more than 22,000 food service locations and bars, except for carry-out. This was one of the earliest state closures of restaurants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and drew disapproval from many high-level state Republicans.[81] On April 1, DeWine was noted by the *BBC* as "quick to defer to Dr Acton for specific questions on the virus and its spread," during daily news briefings, "reminding Ohioans that the state's decisions are driven by science."[71]

Impeachment Articles

On August 24, 2020, state representative John Becker, co-sponsored by representatives Candice Keller, Nino Vitale and Paul Zeltwanger, drew up ten articles of impeachment on Governor DeWine over disagreements he had with how DeWine had handled the coronavirus pandemic.[82][83][84] The move was widely and immediately panned on both sides of the aisle and by legal scholars and commentators.[85][86][87][88] Ohio Republican Party Chair Jane Timken "issued a scathing condemnation of the trio of conservatives",[89] calling the move "a baseless, feeble attempt at creating attention for themselves."[86] Ohio House Speaker, Republican Bob Cupp, called it an "imprudent attempt" to cause "a state constitutional crisis".[90] Legal scholar Jonathan Entin said the proposal "means that we've distorted our understanding both of what impeachment is supposed to do and how people – especially, elected officials – are supposed to disagree with each other. Do we really want to say that the government can't act in an emergency because the officials are afraid that if they do anything, they'll be removed from office? Of course, if they don't do anything, maybe the response is going to be 'Well you should be impeached for not acting.'"[87] CNN's Chris Cillizza analyzed it as one of several examples of how Donald Trump had politicized public health matters to the point Republican lawmakers felt they needed to make extreme and pointless moves in order to satisfy the base.[88]

Political positions

Abortion

In April 2019, DeWine signed House Bill 493, known as the Ohio "Heartbeat Bill", into law, therein prohibiting abortion after a heartbeat is detected in a fetus, including in cases of rape and incest, imposing one of the most extensive abortion restrictions in the nation.[91][92] DeWine is opposed to abortion. In the Senate, he was the lead sponsor of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.[93]

President George W. Bush congratulates Senator Mike DeWine on the passing of the Pediatric Equity Research Act of 2003.

Gun control

In 2004, DeWine co-sponsored an amendment to renew the Federal Assault Weapons Ban. He has repeatedly received an "F" rating from the National Rifle Association.[95] He was endorsed by the National

Rifle Association for Governor.[96] He was one of only two Republican Senators to vote against the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which banned lawsuits against gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers for criminal misuse of their products. In the 2006 election cycle, DeWine was the first senatorial candidate to be endorsed by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and displayed that endorsement on his campaign webpage.[97][98] In 2019, Governor DeWine proposed a Red Flag Law for Ohio that would allow courts to take a gun from a person if they are seen as a threat to others or themselves.[99]

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine leaves the stage after speaking, and the crowd shouts "Do something!" in reaction to the 2019 Dayton shooting[94]

Highway safety

As U.S. Senator, DeWine joined a bipartisan effort to lower the national maximum blood-alcohol limit from 0.10% to 0.08%, and to require reporting of vehicle-related deaths on private property like parking lots and driveways.[100] He sponsored legislation on determining when aging tires become unsafe.[101]

Same-sex marriage

DeWine opposes same-sex marriage[102] and sponsored the Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would have prevented same-sex marriage.[103] DeWine argued in the Supreme Court in favor of prohibitions on same-sex marriage, saying that prohibitions on same-sex marriage infringes on "no fundamental right", and that states should not have to recognize same-sex couples who married in other states. DeWine was acting as Attorney General against Jim Obergefell in the case *Obergefell v. Hodges*. The Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling against DeWine and other defendants, legalizing same-sex marriage in the United States.[104][105]

Marijuana

In 2019 DeWine stated: "it would really be a mistake for Ohio, by legislation, to say that marijuana for adults is just OK." In February 2020, NORML, a group advocating the legalization of marijuana, gave DeWine an "F" rating in relation to his policies.[106]

Net neutrality

As Attorney General of Ohio, DeWine did not join the lawsuits that over 22 states filed in the months following FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai's proposal to roll back online consumer protections, and net neutrality regulations.[107]

Electoral history

1982 Ohio Seventh Congressional District Republican primary[108]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**32,615**	**69.03%**	
Republican	Peter M. Knowlton	6,534	13.83%	
Republican	John F. Evans	4,223	8.94%	
Republican	Lynn Hokenson	1,572	3.33%	
Republican	Joseph J. Walker	1,476	3.12%	
Republican	Karl F. Hilt	830	1.76%	
	Total votes	*'47,250'*	*'100.00%'*	

1982 Ohio Seventh Congressional District general election[109]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**87,842**	**56.26%**	-19.86%
Democratic	Roger D. Tackett	65,543	41.98%	+18.10%
Libertarian	John B. Winer	2,761	1.77%	+1.77%
	Total votes	*'156,146'*	*'100.00%'*	

1984 Ohio Seventh Congressional District general election[110]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine (incumbent)**	**147,885**	**78.45%**	+22.19%
Democratic	Don Scott	40,621	21.55%	-20.43%
	Total votes	*'188,506'*	*'100.00%'*	

1986 Ohio Seventh Congressional District general election[111]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine (incumbent)**	**119,238**	100.00%	+21.55%
	Total votes	*'119,238'*	*'100.00%'*	

1988 Ohio Seventh Congressional District general election[112]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine (incumbent)**	**142,597**	**73.88%**	-26.12%
Democratic	Jack Schira	50,423	26.12%	+26.12%
	Total votes	*'193,020'*	*'100.00%'*	

1990 Ohio lieutenant gubernatorial Republican primary[113]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	645,224	100.00%	
	Total votes	*'645,224'*	*'100.00%'*	

1990 Ohio lieutenant gubernatorial general election[114]				
Party	**Candidate**	**Votes**	**%**	**±**
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**1,938,103**	**55.73%**	+16.35%
Democratic	Eugene Branstool	1,539,416	44.27%	-16.35%
	Total votes	*3,477,519*	*100.00%*	

1992 Ohio Senate Republican primary[115]				
Party	**Candidate**	**Votes**	**%**	**±**
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**583,805**	**70.30%**	
Republican	George H. Rhodes	246,625	29.70%	
	Total votes	*830,430*	*100.00%*	

1992 Ohio Senate general election[116]				
Party	**Candidate**	**Votes**	**%**	**±**
Democratic	**John Glenn** (incumbent)	**2,444,419**	**50.99%**	-11.46%
Republican	Mike DeWine	2,028,300	42.31%	+4.76%
Workers World	Martha Grevatt	321,234	6.70%	+6.70%
	Total votes	*4,793,953*	*100.00%*	

1994 Ohio Senate Republican primary[117]				
Party	**Candidate**	**Votes**	**%**	**±**
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**422,367**	**52.04%**	
Republican	Bernadine Healy	263,560	32.47%	
Republican	Eugene J. Watts	83,103	10.24%	
Republican	George H. Rhodes	42,633	5.25%	
	Total votes	*811,663*	*100.00%*	

1994 Ohio Senate general election[118]				
Party	**Candidate**	**Votes**	**%**	**±**
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**1,836,556**	**53.43%**	+10.41%
Democratic	Joel Hyatt	1,348,213	39.22%	-17.75%
Independent	Joseph I. Slovenec	252,031	7.33%	+7.33%
Independent	Dan S. Burkhardt (write-in)	282	0.01%	+0.01%
Socialist Workers	Peter A. Thierjung (write-in)	166	0.01%	+0.01%
	Total votes	*3,437,248*	*100.00%*	

2000 Ohio Senate Republican primary[119]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine** (incumbent)	**1,029,860**	**79.51%**	+27.47%
Republican	Ronald Dickson	161,185	12.44%	
Republican	Frank Cremeans	104,219	8.05%	
	Total votes	**'1,295,264'**	**'100.00%'**	

2000 Ohio Senate general election[120]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine** (incumbent)	**2,666,736**	**59.90%**	+6.47%
Democratic	Ted Celeste	1,597,122	35.87%	-3.35%
Libertarian	John R. McAlister	117,466	2.64%	+2.64%
Natural Law	John A. Eastman	70,738	1.59%	+1.59%
Socialist Workers	Michael Fitzsimmons (write-in)	45	0.00%	-0.01%
Independent	Patrick Flower (write-in)	29	0.00%	+0.00%
	Total votes	**'4,452,136'**	**'100.00%'**	

2006 Ohio Senate Republican primary[121]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine** (incumbent)	**565,580**	**71.71%**	-7.80%
Republican	David R. Smith	114,186	14.48%	
Republican	William G. Pierce	108,978	13.82%	
	Total votes	**'788,744'**	**'100.00%'**	

2006 Ohio Senate general election[122]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Democratic	**Sherrod Brown**	**2,257,369**	**56.16%**	+20.29%
Republican	Mike DeWine (incumbent)	1,761,037	43.82%	-16.08%
Independent	Richard A. Duncan (write-in)	830	0.02%	+0.02%
	Total votes	**'4,019,236'**	**'100.00%'**	

2010 Ohio Attorney General Republican primary[123]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**687,507**	100.00%	
	Total votes	**'687,507'**	**'100.00%'**	

2010 Ohio Attorney General general election[124]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**1,821,408**	**47.54%**	+9.11%
Democratic	Richard Cordray (incumbent)	1,772,717	46.26%	-10.48%
Constitution	Robert M. Owens	130,065	3.39%	-1.44%
Libertarian	Marc Allen Feldman	107,521	2.81%	+2.81%
	Total votes	*3,831,711*	*100.00%*	

2014 Ohio Attorney General Republican primary[125]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine** (incumbent)	**544,763**	**100.00%**	+0.00%
	Total votes	*544,763*	*100.00%*	

2014 Ohio Attorney General general election[126]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine** (incumbent)	**1,882,048**	**61.50%**	+13.96%
Democratic	David Pepper	1,178,426	38.51%	-7.75%
	Total votes	*3,060,474*	*100.00%*	

2018 Ohio gubernatorial Republican primary[127]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**499,639**	**59.84%**	
Republican	Mary Taylor	335,328	40.16%	
	Total votes	*834,967*	*100.00%*	

2018 Ohio gubernatorial general election[128]				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±
Republican	**Mike DeWine**	**2,231,917**	**50.39%**	-13.25%
Democratic	Richard Cordray	2,067,847	46.68%	+13.65%
Libertarian	Travis Irvine	79,985	1.81%	+1.81%
Green	Constance Gadell-Newton	49,475	1.12%	-2.21%
Independent	Renea Turner (write-in)	185	0.00%	+0.00%
Independent	Richard Duncan (write-in)	132	0.00%	+0.00%
Independent	Rebecca Ayres (write-in)	41	0.00%	+0.00%
	Total votes	*4,429,582*	*100.00%*	

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